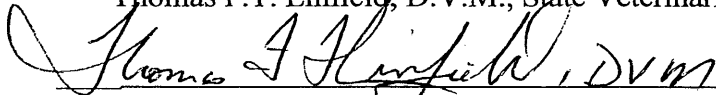


**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION
OFFICIAL ORDER NO. 06-02-ID**

DATE: September 19, 2006
DATE EFFECTIVE: September 19, 2006
DATE OF BOARD APPROVAL: September 19, 2006
SUBJECT: Identification Requirements for Sheep and Goats
STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION: 81-2-102(1)(d), 81-2-104, Montana Code Annotated

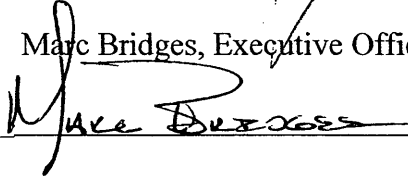
ORDERED BY:

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REVIEWED BY:

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BACKGROUND: MCA 81-2-104 specifies the Board of Livestock has the authority to adopt rules and orders when it determines it is necessary to eradicate or control infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). This order is being promulgated in order to cooperate with USDA in scrapie eradication efforts and maintain Montana as a Consistent State with respect to scrapie eradication.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE SET FORTH HEREIN, UNTIL AMENDED BY STATUTE, RULE, OR OFFICIAL ORDER, THE FOLLOWING IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO SHEEP AND GOATS THAT ARE:

- 1. IMPORTED INTO MONTANA;**
- 2. ENTERING INTERSTATE MARKETING CHANNELS WITHIN MONTANA;**
- 3. SOLD IN MONTANA;**
- 4. EXHIBITED IN MONTANA;**
- 5. SCRAPIE SUSPECT AND TEST-POSITIVE ANIMALS; AND**
- 6. SCRAPIE-EXPOSED OR SCRAPIE HIGH-RISK ANIMALS.**

I. Animals required to be officially identified include:

- A. All sexually intact sheep and goats, regardless of age;
- B. All sheep over 18 months of age;
- C. All sheep and goats in scrapie-source, scrapie-infected, scrapie-exposed, or scrapie - noncompliant flocks.

II. Animals exempt from the above identification requirements include:

- A. Sheep under 18 months of age in recognized slaughter channels (sheep grazing are not considered in a recognized slaughter channel);
- B. Wethers for exhibition;
- C. Wethers under 18 months of age;

- D. Goats in recognized slaughter channels (goats grazing are not considered in a recognized slaughter channel).
- E. Low-risk commercial goats (As defined in the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules.)
- F. Sheep and goats moved for grazing purposes, provided no change of ownership occurs and the movement is between premises owned or leased by the owner of the animals.
- G. Animals from a registered premises and moved as a group lot directly to an approved slaughter facility or to an approved market and are accompanied by an owner's statement. (Owner's statement as defined in the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules).

ADDITIONAL:

- I. Animals required to be identified must be officially identified to the flock of birth upon change of ownership. In cases where the flock of birth cannot be determined, the animal is to be officially identified to the flock of origin (flock in which an animal most recently resided for breeding).
- II. Approved methods of official identification include the following:
 - A. Electronic implants
 - B. Official eartags provided by or approved by USDA
 - C. Legible official breed registry tattoo
 - D. Premises identification eartags.
- III. THE MONTANA STATE VETERINARIAN MUST APPROVE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS.